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SUBJECT: **Authorities and Areas of Responsibilities of DPWH Key Officials**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the pertinent provisions of E.O. No. 124, s. 1987, and in view of the approval of DPWH Rationalization Plan pursuant to E.O. No. 366, s. 2004, the authorities and responsibilities of DPWH Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries are hereby amended as follows:

Senior Undersecretary
RAFAEL C. YABUT

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Luzon, as such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the operations of all Regional Offices in Luzon, except the National Capital Region (NCR) and Region IV-B. He shall likewise have overall supervision and control over all infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e. school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

Undersecretary
MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Planning Service (PS) and the Public-Private Partnership Service (PPPS).

She shall have access to data and technology of the Information Management Service (IMS), insofar as such is applicable to her authority and area of responsibility, however, supervision and control over IMS shall be with the Office of the Secretary.

Undersecretary
ARDELIZA R. MEDENILLA

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Support Services, as such, she shall have overall supervision and control over the Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS), the Finance Service (FS), the Procurement Service (PrS), and the Stakeholders Relations Service (SRS).

Undersecretary
EMIL K. SADAIN

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO), as such, he shall handle the overall administrative functions of the five (5) specialized clusters of the UPMO. The operations of the five (5) UPMO Clusters, namely,

Flood Control Management Cluster, Bridges Management Cluster, Roads Management Cluster 1, Roads Management Cluster 2, and Buildings Management Cluster shall remain under his overall supervision.

He shall also serve as Alternate Representative and Focal Person in the Inter-Agency Task Force Bangon Marawi and manage implementation of various infrastructure projects in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

He shall likewise serve in concurrent capacity, as Undersecretary for Technical Services and as such, he shall have overall supervision and control over all the Bureaus.

Undersecretary
DIMAS S. SOGUILON

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao, as such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the operations of all Regional Offices in Mindanao. He shall likewise have overall supervision and control over all infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e. school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

Undersecretary
ROBERTO R. BERNARDO

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Visayas, NCR, and Region IV-B, as such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the operations of all Regional Offices in Visayas, NCR, and Region IV-B. He shall likewise have overall supervision and control over all infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e. school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

Undersecretary
Atty. EDUARDO S. RAMOS, JR.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Legal Services and Office of the Secretary. As such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the Legal Service. He shall assist the Secretary in matters relating to his functions, duties, and responsibilities, particularly, legal, personnel, and administrative matters.

He shall also serve as the focal person of the Internal Audit Service (IAS), as such, he shall have

the overall supervision over it and shall have the authority to sign documents in relation to IAS functions, as reviewed and recommended by appropriate personnel.

He shall also have control and supervision over the Legislative Liason Office, as well as the three (3) Department Legislative Liason Specialist (DLS) Positions and two (2) CTI Positions, which were transferred to the Office of the Secretary by virtue of Department Order No. 74, Series of 2019.

In addition, he shall have the authority to sign verification and certification of non-forum shopping in relation to DPWH cases handled by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) which are not expropriation cases in nature, including the necessary communications to the OSG related to non-expropriation cases. He shall also have the authority to sign special power of attorney authorizing the Solicitor General and/or any of his duly authorized representative/s to represent DPWH in non-expropriation cases.

**Assistant Secretary
EUGENIO R. PIPO, JR.**

Shall serve as Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations in Luzon, except NCR and Region IV-B, as such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Luzon in the overall supervision and control over Luzon, except NCR and Region IV-B.

**Assistant Secretary
ANTONIO V. MOLANO, JR.**

Shall serve as the Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations in Visayas, NCR and Region IV-B, as such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Visayas, NCR and Region IV-B.

**Assistant Secretary
MAXIMO L. CARVAJAL**

Shall serve as Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao, as such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao.

**Assistant Secretary
MARICHU A. PALAFOX**

Shall serve as Assistant Secretary for Support Services, as such, she shall assist the Undersecretary for Support Services in the overall supervision and control over the HRAS, the FS, the PrS, and the SRS.

Assistant Secretary
MEL JOHN I. VERZOSA

Shall serve as the Assistant Secretary for Legal Services and Special Concerns. As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Legal Services in the over all supervision and control of Legal Services, as well as matters that the Secretary considers as special concerns.

This Order supersedes Department Order No. 56, series of 2019, and all other issuances inconsistent herewith, and shall take effect immediately.



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